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Applicant's or agent's file reference 21101.0051P1	FOR FURTHER ACTION <div style="float: right; font-size: small;">see Form PCT/ISA/220 as well as, where applicable, item 5 below.</div>	
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Applicant UNIVERSITY OF UTAH RESEARCH FOUNDATION		

This International Search Report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

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☒ It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.

1. Basis of the report

a. With regard to the **language**, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

☐ The international search was carried out on the basis of a translation of the international application furnished to this Authority (Rule 23.1(b)).

b. ☐ With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, see Box No. I.

2. ☐ **Certain claims were found unsearchable** (See Box II).

3. ☐ **Unity of invention is lacking** (see Box III).

4. With regard to the **title**,

☒ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

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5. With regard to the **abstract**,

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☒ the text has been established, according to Rule 38.2(b), by this Authority as it appears in Box No. IV. The applicant may, within one month from the date of mailing of this international search report, submit comments to this Authority.

6. With regard to the **drawings**,

a. the figure of the **drawings** to be published with the abstract is Figure No. _____

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b. ☒ none of the figures is to be published with the abstract.

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Box No. IV Text of the abstract (Continuation of item 5 of the first sheet)

Described herein are compounds such as macromolecules that have been modified in order to facilitate crosslinking by introduction of at least one hydrazide-reactive group and/or aminooxy-reactive group, and methods of making and using thereof for scar-free wound healing, for delivering bioactive agents or living cells, for preventing adhesion after a surgical procedure or for bone and cartilage repair. The macromolecule can be an oligonucleotide, a nucleic acid, a polypeptide, a lipid, a glycoprotein, a glycolipid, a polysaccharide, a protein or a synthetic polymer, preferably a glycosaminoglycan like hyaluronan.

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC 7 C08B37/00

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

IPC 7 C08B

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

EPO-Internal, WPI Data, PAJ, CHEM ABS Data

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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☒ Patent family members are listed in annex.

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